

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____

Rejecting the amount of increase in compensation for public officials as recommended by the Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

WHEREAS, in November 1994, the people of Missouri established in the Missouri Constitution an independent citizen's commission that was given primary responsibility to establish a schedule of compensation for public officials based upon a review and study of the duties of elected state officials, judges and members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has faithfully undertaken its responsibility and submitted a compensation schedule that provides for an increase in compensation for the affected public officials in the amount of 5.8% and an increase for judges in the amount of \$6,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the percentage increase recommended by the Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials was based upon recommendations made by the Personnel Advisory Board and the Missouri Commission on Total Compensation for all state employees for fiscal year 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen's Commission report makes clear that the Commission intended public officials should be treated the same as all other state employees; and

WHEREAS, the increases ultimately adopted for all state employees may well not be those recommended by the Commission when its schedule was approved and filed; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that public officials

and judges should not receive any cost-of-living increase in compensation, if at all, in excess of the average salary adjustment provided to other state employees; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution clearly provides that the recommendations of the Commission are subject to appropriations, and therefor may be reduced or rejected by the General Assembly and no increase shall take effect unless and until appropriated:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate of the First Regular Session of the Ninety-second General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we hereby reject the Compensation Schedule of the 2002 Report and Compensation Schedule of the Missouri Citizens Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials dated, November 27, 2002.